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25X1 1. [redacted] the Haupt Kaserne in Meiningen still quartered German Volkspolizei while the Barbara Kaserne was occupied by Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black capaults.

25X1 2. No military personnel or police were observed in Selkershausen on [redacted]

3. In Suhl, the barracks installation, which is located on the road leading toward Schmiedefeld, was occupied by German Volkspolizei [redacted] No Soviet troops were observed in the town.

25X1 4. [redacted] residents of Oberhof stated that reservations made for 170 beds in the Intourist hotel there for 1 January were cancelled because of current construction and postponed until 1 February. There was a great deal of winter sport activity [redacted] The winter games week was postponed until 10 to 25 February. There were no indications of a requisitioning of quarters in Oberhof for the billeting of Soviet personnel. 25X1

25X1 5. [redacted] no Soviet troops were located in Graefenthal, Hallstadt, Langenhein, Grosshaerlingen, the Hardt area, Reichenbach, or Aschera. Residents of these localities agreed that movements of Soviet troops had not occurred. Only in late December 1950, a train with Soviet motor vehicles allegedly passed through Aschera, proceeding toward Gotha. *

25X1 * [redacted] Comment. Newspaper reports and rumors stated that, among other things, hotels and private quarters in Oberhof were requisitioned in November and December 1950 for billeting a high-echelon Soviet headquarters. 25X1

25X1 [redacted] the Soviet border guard detachments in the area of Sonneberg, Gerstungen, and south of the Harz Mountains were reinforced since the beginning of January 1951.

25X1 The present report indicates that the rumors emanating from Oberhof were unfounded.

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